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CENTURYTEL BROADBAND SERVICES, LLC,

Applicant

**APPLICATION: For approval of a
Certificate of Public Convenience and
Necessity to Provide Telecommunication
Services in the State of Alabama.**

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REPORT AND ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed on or about October 12, 2021, CenturyTel Broadband Services, LLC, 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203, seeks a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide telecommunication services in the State of Alabama. Pursuant to notice dated October 19, 2021, the application was heard on November 8, 2021, in which Staff participated. There was no intervention.

It appears from the record in this proceeding, and we find, that the public convenience and necessity requires the proposed service and the public interest will be best served by the proposed operations. In addition, the Applicant has demonstrated that it possesses the technical, managerial, and financial resources to provide the services proposed.

Accordingly, it appears that the Applicant should be granted a certificate authorizing the provision of local exchange service, long distance interexchange service, and long distance resale service which is consistent with the services similarly situated applicants have been authorized to provide. The local exchange service authorized herein must be provided in compliance with Alabama law and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission. Further, the Applicant's certification to provide local exchange service will expire in one year if the Applicant has not submitted for Commission approval an interconnection/resale contract or agreement for local service and has not filed a final tariff governing said service.

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IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is hereby issued to CenturyTel Broadband Services, LLC, 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203, authorizing operations as a provider of local exchange service in all areas of the State of Alabama.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, that the local exchange service authorized herein may be commenced only after the Applicant has filed with this Commission a final tariff governing said service which has been approved by the Commission and an interconnection/resale contract or agreement with all applicable incumbent local exchange carriers. Unless the Applicant complies with these requirements within one year after the date of this Order, or within such additional time as may be authorized by the Commission, the grant of authority made in this Order shall be considered as null and void and the application shall stand denied in its entirety effective upon the expiration of said compliance time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, that the certificate granted herein shall also authorize the provision of telephone toll resale service in the State of Alabama.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, that the Applicant shall not commence the provision of telephone toll resale service in the State of Alabama until such time as the Applicant has submitted a tariff governing said service that has been approved by the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, that the certificate granted herein shall also authorize the provision of interexchange service in the State of Alabama.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, that the Applicant shall not commence the provision of interexchange service in the State of Alabama until such time as the Applicant has submitted a tariff governing said service that has been approved by the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, that the Applicant shall file annual reports and shall maintain adequate books for account and financial records in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by this Commission. Said books and records shall separate the telephone service from all other businesses in which the Applicant may be engaged.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, that any changes e.g., name, address, telephone number(s), contact personnel, or any other pertinent information concerning the Applicant shall be filed with this Commission by written transmittal letter within thirty (30) days from the time of change. Failure to comply will result in this Certificate becoming null and void and any and all other authority(s) granted under this docket number will hereby be immediately revoked.

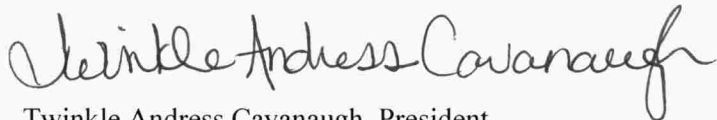
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, that the Applicant shall render sufficient and continuous service in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission and the Certificate of Public Convince and Necessity issued herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, that jurisdiction in this cause is hereby retained for the issuance of any further order or orders as this Commission may find just and reasonable in the premises.

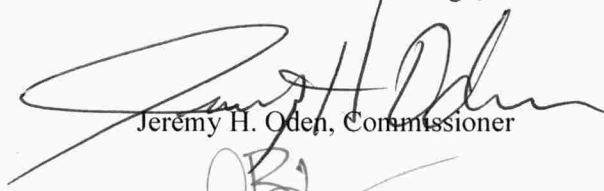
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective as of the date hereof.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama, this 13th day of December, 2021.

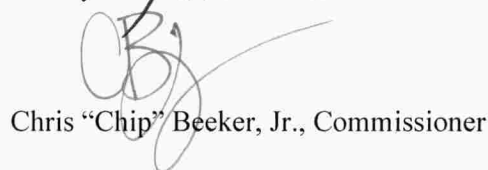
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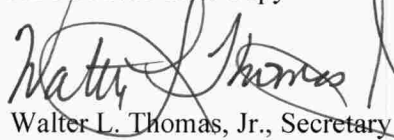


Jeremy H. Oden, Commissioner



Chris "Chip" Beeker, Jr., Commissioner

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